

*Application No. 09/508,754*

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having a pair of tongues (4), a pair of contact springs (7) and a separating web (6), are through contacts that can be converted to separation or switching contacts by deforming the separating a web (6) that connects the inside ends of tongues (4) of the contact assembly (3) and in the case of a switching contact also including an insulating separator, which displaces one of the contact springs (7), attached to one of the pair of tongues (4), such that one of said contact springs is flush with said one of the pair of tongues (4).

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**N.** (Amended) The modular multiple connection strap according to claim **10**, characterized in that the chambers (2) in an area of said web (6) that connects the tongues (4) of a contact assembly (3) on the inside end are provided with an opening for temporarily accommodating a separating tool.

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**N.** (Amended) The modular multiple connection strap according to claim **10**, characterized in that the chambers (2) are provided in the area of a contact locations (8) of the contact assembly (3) with guide means for inserting said insulation separator.

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**N.** The modular multiple connection strap according to claim **10**, characterized in that a contact locations (8) are laterally inclined such that when an plug connector is inserted, it only touches the edges of the contact locations.

#### REMARKS

Upon entry of the Amendment, the application should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 10-13 are before the Examiner. Claims 10 through 13 have been amended pursuant to an agreement reached with the Examiner during a telephonic interview held on September 16, 2002.